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# ICRA filtering using Microsoft Internet Explorer

To take advantage of the ICRA labelling system using Microsoft Internet Explorer, follow the key steps below.

## Step 1: download

The ICRA labelling system is encoded in a small file known as a 'rat' file (short for ratings). The first thing you need to do is to download this. When you click the link below you'll see a dialogue like that shown below:

File Down	Some files can harm your computer. If the file information below looks suspicious, or you do not fully trust the source, do not open or save this file.
	File name: icra.rat File type: msrating.dll,-3000 From: www.icra.org
	Would you like to open the file or save it to your computer?         Open       Save         Cancel       More Info
	Always ask before opening this type of file



Select *Save this file to disk* and click [OK]. On Windows 95, 98 and ME, save it to your C:\WINDOWS\SYSTEM folder. On Windows NT/2000/XP, save it to C:\WINDOWS\System32.

Click here to download the icra.rat file (23kb).

# Step 2: installation

From the Internet Explorer tool bar (top of screen) select [Tools] > [Internet Options]

Select the [Content] tab

In the Content Advisor section at the top, there are two buttons, [Enable] and [Settings]. If you have used Content Advisor before, please skip the next bit by clicking here. If you have not used Content Advisor before, the [Settings] button is not available. See below:

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FAQ

ICRA community

Members

# Associate Members

Become a member

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Internet Options	<
General Security Content Connections Programs Advanced	
Content Advisor Ratings help you control the Internet content that can be viewed on this computer.	
Certificates	
Use certificates to positively identify yourself, certification authorities, and publishers.	
<u>C</u> ertificates Pu <u>b</u> lishers	
Personal information	
AutoComplete stores previous entries and suggests matches for what you are typing.	
Microsoft Wallet securely stores private	
Microsoft Profile Assistant stores your My Profile	
OK Cancel Apply	

Click [Enable] to bring up the settings screen. Windows comes with the old RSACi rating system that ICRA replaced in 2000.

Content Advisor	? ×
Ratings Approved Sites General Advanced	
Select a category to view the rating levels:	
RSACi	
🕞 Nudity	
ere Sex ere Violence	
Adjust the slider to specify what users are allowed to see:	
	<u> </u>
Level 0: Inoffensive slang	1
Description	
Inoffensive slang; no profanity.	
To view the Internet page for this rating service, <u>M</u> ore Info	
OK Cancel App	ly

Ignore this for the time being, just click [OK] at the bottom. You will be prompted to enter a password. Be sure to choose one that:

- ✓ You can remember
- Sour children won't be able to guess

Both ICRA and Microsoft receive many e-mails from people who have forgotten their password. ICRA is unable to help in this situation and Microsoft is VERY wary about giving out information on how to remove any passwords - mainly because it is impossible to determine whether or not it is the parent who has forgotten, or the child who is trying to find out...

Once you have entered your new password (twice, the second time to confirm you got it right first time!), click [OK]. IE6 also asks you to enter a password hint - just in case you do forget your password

Click the [Settings] button.

Select the [General] tab.

Near the bottom, click [Rating Systems] which will bring you to the following screen:

Rating Systems	? ×
Rating <u>s</u> ystems: RSACI	OK Add
	<u>R</u> emove
Note: Any rating system files marked with an asterisk (*) are invalid or could not be found, and will be removed from your settings if you click OK. You can add them again later if you want.	

Click [Add] and you should be presented with a view of the C:\WINDOWS\system or C:\WINDOWS\system32 folder (depending on which version of Windows you're using). This will include your new icra.rat file. Select that file and click [Open]

'ICRA' should now appear in the Rating Systems menu...

Rating Systems	? ×
Rating <u>s</u> ystems:	ОК
RSACi	<u>A</u> dd
	<u>R</u> emove
Note: Any rating system files marked with an asterisk (*) are invalid or could not be found, and will be removed from your settings if you click OK. You can add them again later if you want.	Cancel

Click [OK] to close down the settings options and return to the Content Advisor dialogue box. You have now installed the upgraded system and can now proceed to the next step to set it up.

# Step 3: configuration

If you don't already have the Content Advisor dialogue box open, from the

Internet Explorer tool bar (top of screen) select [Tools] > [Internet Options] and select the [Content] tab.

In the Content Advisor section at the top, click the [Settings] button.

Enter your password and click OK.

Select the 'Ratings' tab where you should see the installed ICRA labelling descriptors - Chat, Language etc.

Select the first descriptor and move the slide bar underneath the list to the right if you wish to **allow** access to that particular material or leave it on the left if you wish to **prevent** access to that particular material. The following illustration explains...

Content Advisor
Ratings Approved Sites General Advanced
Select a category to view the rating levels:
ICRA
🕬 Chat - Only moderated and suitable for children or teens
<ul> <li>Employed - Crude words or profanity</li> <li>Language - Explicit sexual language</li> </ul>
Adjust the slider to specify what users are allowed to see:
$\mathbf{\mathbf{\mathbf{\mathbf{\mathbf{\mathbf{\mathbf{\mathbf{\mathbf{\mathbf{\mathbf{\mathbf{\mathbf{\mathbf{\mathbf{\mathbf{\mathbf{\mathbf{$
- Description
Do not allow access to sites that contain only moderated chat for
children er teens.
$\smile$
To view the Internet page for this rating service, <u>More Info</u>
OK Cancel Apply

Then move down the list of descriptors one by one and set each descriptor to your preference.

**Take careful note** of the text written under "Description." The first of these is shown in the screen shot below. This is a **context modifier**. ICRA*plus* allows you to, for example, allow access to an artistic picture such as Botticelli's *Birth of Venus* despite it including a bare female breast which you may have blocked *out of context*. Internet Explorer's Content Advisor does not



support this function so for all context modifiers, you MUST set the slider to the right hand side.

Content Advisor 💦 🔀
Ratings Approved Sites General Advanced
Select a category to view the rating levels:
Language - Explicit sexual language Language - Mild expletives Nudity & Sexual Material - Bare buttocks Nudity & Sexual Material - Context Variable - Artistic Nudity & Sexual Material - Context Variable - Educational Adjust the slider to specify what users are allowed to see:
Description This element is a system setting to invoke a level of backwards compatibility with MSIE browsers - users should set the slide bar above to the right. To view the Internet page for this rating service, <u>M</u> ore Info
OK Cancel Apply

Other descriptors to look out for are:

- **Future Descriptors:** leave the slider to the LEFT.
- **ZZZ System Setting ZZZ:** is set to the LEFT and cannot be moved.
- ZZZ System Setting [Code C/L/N/O/V]: all 5 should be set to the RIGHT.

When you reach the end, click [OK].

#### Step 4: customize

Content Advisor depends on sites carrying an appropriate ICRA label. As this is a voluntary action on the part of the web author, not all sites carry our labels (although a growing number do!)

Content Advisor allows you to customize your settings to your own particular preferences and there are two key areas to consider:

- Whether or not to allow access to sites which do not carry an ICRA label ("sites that have no rating");
- Whether you wish to allow or disallow access specified sites irrespective of whether or not they are carrying an ICRA label.

If you don't already have the Content Advisor dialogue box open, from the Internet Explorer tool bar (top of screen) select [Tools] > [Internet Options] and select the [Content] tab.

In the Content Advisor section at the top, click the [Settings] button.

Enter your password and click OK.

Now click the [General] tab and you will see the dialogue box below:

Content Advisor
Ratings Approved Sites General Advanced
User options
Users can see sites that have no rating
Supervisor can type a password to allow users to view restricted content
Supervisor password
The supervisor password allows you to change Content Advisor settings or turn Content Advisor on or off. To change the supervisor password, click Change Password.
Change Password
Rating systems
The rating systems you use are provided by other companies and organizations. To view or modify the list, click Rating Systems.
Eind Rating Systems <u>Rating Systems</u>
OK Cancel Apply

If you decide not to allow access to sites that have no rating AND that you don't want to allow the option of entering a supervisor password, this is likely to lead to very severe restrictions on internet access. Therefore most users will want to check both of the options at the top of this dialogue box... and then go on to the next step.

Now we're going to add in some specific sites that we do or do not want to allow access to. If you have decided to allow access to sites that have no rating, then you will probably want to block access to specific sites. Alternatively, if you chose not to allow access to sites that have no rating, then it is likely that you will want make a list of sites to which you DO want to allow access. Either way, click the [Approved Sites] tab to bring up the dialogue box below:

Content Advisor	? ×
Ratings Approved Sites General Advanced	
You can create a list of Web sites that are always v never viewable regardless of how they are rated.	viewable or
Allow this Web site:	Al <u>w</u> ays
List of approved and disapproved Web sites:	<u>N</u> ever
	<u>R</u> emove
OK Cancel	Apply

To add a site of which you approve, first type its url (its web address) into the box at the top:

Content Advisor	? ×
Ratings Approved Sites General Advanced	
You can create a list of Web sites that are always never viewable regardless of how they are rated.	viewable or
Allow <u>t</u> his Web site:	Al <u>w</u> ays
www.foo.com	
List of approved and disapproved Web sites:	Never
	<u>R</u> emove
OK Cancel	Apply

Notice that two buttons are now available: [Always] and [Never]. Click [Always] to allow access, [Never] to block it, both irrespective of any ICRA

label they may or may not have. If you click [Always], the URL will appear in the lower box with a green tick (check). If you chose [Never], a red "no entry" icon appears.

Content Advisor	? ×
Ratings Approved Sites General Advanced	
You can create a list of Web sites that are always never viewable regardless of how they are rated.	viewable or
Allow <u>t</u> his Web site:	Al <u>w</u> ays
l	Never
List of approved and disapproved Web sites:	
🔮 www.foo. com	<u>R</u> emove
OK Cancel	

These options provide for a fine level of control over the filtering applied to your computer. You can change your settings, add or delete URLs from the Approved Sites list at any time by returning to these dialogue boxes - all of which are under password control.

### Step 5: enable

If you have not already done so, you can now click the "Enable" button. This sometimes causes some confusion. If the button says [Enable], Content Advisor is currently *Disabled*. Conversely, if the button says [Disable], then Content Advisor is *Enabled*. In other words, the button shows you which action you can take, rather than showing you the current status.

#### Step 6: test

With Content Advisor enabled, all filter settings set to 'Do not allow' and access to sites which have no rating (see section above) not allowed, try to access the following web sites:

- A site containing none of the descriptors or material defined in the ICRA matrix - http://www.icra.org/upgrade/icra1.html - expect to gain access.
- A site containing ALL material defined in the ICRA matrix http://www.icra.org/upgrade/icra2.html - expect to be blocked.

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## Troubleshooting

If the test failed then there are 3 possibilities:

- You've missed something the most likely of which is that Content Advisor is not enabled. See above here.
- If you have visited a web page recently with Content Advisor disabled, a copy will be stored on your computer and you will be granted access to *that copy*. So you need to delete your Temporary Internet Files. Click [Tools] > [Internet Options] and bring up the dialogue box below:

Internet Options	? ×
General Security Content Connections Programs Advanced	
Home page	
You can change which page to use for your home page.	
Address: http://www.yourhomepage.com	
Use <u>C</u> urrent Use <u>D</u> efault Use <u>B</u> lank	
Temporary Internet files	
Pages you view on the Internet are stored in a special folder for quick viewing later.	
Delete <u>Fi</u> les <u>S</u> ettings	
History	
The History folder contains links to pages you've visited, for quick access to recently viewed pages.	
Days to <u>k</u> eep pages in history: 20 🚔 Clear <u>H</u> istory	
Colors Fonts Languages Accessibility	
OK Cancel <u>A</u> pply	

If you are running Windows 95, 98, ME or NT, you might be suffering from a bug in Internet Explorer. Please see FAQ 3.3 for the solution.

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